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## HOUSING SITUATION TIGHT

FCA's Washington Housing Committee head, Walt Hein, in K.C. for a week, reports that the committee in its search "has just pried the lid open a little way." He says that some employees upon arrival in D.C. have been disappointed in learning that the committee does not have available lists of apartments and houses for rent simply awaiting their selection.

The committee is doing everything possible to locate both temporary and permanent quarters for employees moving, but because of the extreme housing shortage Mr. Hein says it is only with difficulty and many times just good luck that a permanent accommodation is found. Real estate agents and private apartment managements of any size are not accepting formal applications and have discontinued lists. Apartments in Government sponsored projects are being assigned only to veterans, and rules and regulations pertaining to filing applications by veterans in K.C. are being frequently amended.

Of the 39 employees who moved to D.C. on or about April 1, 22 have been adequately housed, either through the efforts of committeemen Hein and Munroe, together with Ed Reid, or through the employees'

own efforts. Of this number, 5 are in homes already owned, 3 in newly purchased homes, 5 in rooms, 8 in apartments (2 sharing), and 1 in a rented house. The 17 remaining who are temporarily housed, knowing Washington's fast resident turnover, are trailing moving vans hoping for a lucky break.

## FEMININITY ON GLAMOUR TOUR

On April 6 a touring party of 16 feminine FCA'ers enjoyed a fascinating study of cosmetic making at Luziers, Inc., a firm well known for its individuality beauty aids. Most picturesque was the process of whipping a light foamy liquid to a rich smooth cream with an "egg beater."

"From all corners of the earth and the depths of the ocean come ingredients used in perfecting perfumes," the chemist said, explaining that the musk from the civet and the deer and the sperm from the whale are mixed to form the "adhesive" for the fragrance. The girls learned that the rose fragrance is the most expensive because of the need for a large number of petals to produce one drop of glamor. All agreed that perfumes were the most interesting except Ruth Biggerstaff who, with her allergy, remained at a safe distance.



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Upon receipt of mailing charges of 50 cents, the Grapevine will be sent for 1 year to former employees of FCA. It is sent free to all servicemen.

The next issue of the Grapevine will be dated May 1. News should be received by April 26.

## SOUVENIRS FOR SERVICE

Among the souvenirs of FCA volunteers who answered the call of the Red Cross for weekend canteen workers at the Olathe Naval Air Base early in March are Jap money, the Good Conduct Ribbon, and the American Defense Ribbon, to say nothing of weary arches and an understandable aversion to sandwiches. For 8 hours the girls serve coffee, sandwiches, cookies, and soup to 200 or more Army, Navy, and Marine personnel who are passengers of the Naval Air Transport Service.

Transportation to and from the base is furnished by the Red Cross, except on Sunday mornings when a Navy man motors the lucky girls home. The workers receive no service stripes but when some of the boys who have been overseas for several years express appreciation for their "sacrifices," they feel amply compensated though a bit guilty when they remember the fun of the job. Among the girls who serve are Clarice Andrews, Lorraine Horava, Edna M. Beirne, Donna Beirne, Elma Muller, Esther Ferguson, C. Toomey, Alma Day, and Fat Ross. (IR)

## NEW BOOKS IN CLUB LIBRARY

THE GREAT PROMISE by Noel Houston  
SOONER TO SLEEP by F. Van de Water  
HAWK'S FLIGHT by Helen Hull  
THE SNAKE PIT by Mary Jane Ward  
THE LYING LADIES by Robert Finnegan  
HE WHO WHISPERS by John D. Carr  
THE TROUBLE AT TURKEY HILL by Kathleen M. Knight  
WAKE OF THE RED WITCH by Garland Roark  
THIS SIDE OF INNOCENCE by Taylor Caldwell  
THE LIFE LINE by Phyllis Bottome  
SUB ROSA by S. Alsop and T. Braden  
I HATE BLONDES by Wolfe Kaufman

Watch for big book sale of slightly used books at bargain prices, 25, 35, and 50 cents. List of books will be posted soon.

## Editorial Staff Personal

### KANSAS CITY

By peeping through keyholes and listening through thin walls, we have gathered a number of choice bits of gossip! . . . BETTY FREW is the proud aunt of a boy born April 8 to her sister, Ruth Niem. . . . KATHLEEN THOMAS writes of the death of her brother-in-law, Benton Montgomery, in Kingstree, S.C., where she is presently resting before taking up D.C. residence. . . . The golf "fued" continues between JACK FROST and S.F. LINDSEY, both appearing with the usual alibis. . . . ADELINA DOYLE, for a few days at St. Joseph Hospital, is recovering from an illness at her home. . . . Production Credit Division folks gave the 12 visiting FCC presidents during conference week of April 8 a dinner and bridge party at the Victor Hugo Inn. . . . Being squired around by CARL COLVIN is his niece, Betty, an ex-Army nurse home from (Continued on page 3)



# Sportlight

FCA Bowling Team Standings April 11, '46

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Legal	61	29	55,558
Purchase	48	42	53,298
Reports	47	43	52,771
Audit	47	43	52,144
Fin. & Accts.	44	46	53,468
Personnel	41	49	53,346
Prod. Credit	40	50	49,792
Graphic	32	58	51,077

Records

		Averages
HTG Purchase	785	Palmer 136
HTS Audit	2,032	Terry 134
		Ruch 131
HIG Carter		
Palmer	201	
HIS Palmer	522	

MEN'S LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Reports	52	35	62,865
Examination	48	39	66,113
Graphic	48	39	65,302
Accounts	45	42	59,318
Harvestors	41	46	64,383
Field Accts.	40	47	63,825
Short Term	38	49	61,720
Bankers	36	51	59,501

Handicap

Actual			
HIG Olson	248	HTG Fld. Ac.	924
HIS Dahill	634	HTS Exam.	2,474
HTG Field Ac.	924		
HTS Exam.	2,474		

Reports' championship became a mathematical certainty when Graphic dropped two and Examination lost one to Short Term, giving Reports a four-game lead with only three to roll.

Strictly Personal (Cont. from page 2)

European duties...IDA BOUSFIELD is recovering at her home from a minor operation...Long awaited dream of EARL CLARK has come true - he is in possession of a new Ford...Hal Lake, who was to hang up his hat in NFLA Section 17 days ago, has not arrived, and after seeing a Newark, N.J., newspaper featuring Hal's "farewell to arms" (a picture showing two luscious gals bestowing kisses), we think we understand the cause for the delay...ALVINA FREINKERT, recent departee for D.C., was surprised with a party and presented several souvenirs of K.C., including a pound of butter... "He's coming home at last," say DOROTHY WILSON and MARY MCBROOME whose husbands have written that they are departing from Germany...Southern Mansions was the scene of a dinner party given for CHARLOTTE TOOMEY who will enter duty on the USDA switchboard following 10 years with FCA...The stork visited the BRUCE KINGS on April 7, leaving a bundle weighing 7 lbs., 7 ozs., named Margaret Gwendolyn...ELLA WELLS' son from Fort Jackson, S.C., is furloughing at home...Tiny dark-haired Jerry Franklin STULOV, born on January 31, made the acquaintance of former coworkers of mother, MARIAN, recently...Before heading Washington way, where she will begin duty in the Field Libraries Division, RUTH FOLSON was entertained by coworkers at a dinner at the Drum Room...PAT DIPIERRO was suddenly called to New York by the death of his brother-in-law...A visitor in Production Credit Division was GORDON CAMERON, asst. secy. of the PCC of Springfield.

'Tis vacation time again! JOHN REED, with his 3-year old daughter, traveled to Ottumwa, Iowa, for a week's visit...OLIVE RUSSELL is refreshing herself in the mountain breezes of Denver...Off to Chicago sped MIRIAM LEHMAN to reunion with her two sisters whom she had not seen for a long time...RUTH PETERSON has

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Strictly Personal (Cont. from page 3)  
returned from a trip to D.C. happy over the prospect of settling there in the future... "Vacationist" LORINE LIEBST spent a week at home Spring house cleaning... RUTH KEHR is back at her desk following a zestful 2 weeks' vacation in Boston, Phila., and St. Louis... ELISA SANDOVAL is visiting her family in Santa Fe, N.M... Several days of relaxation were spent by MEDA MARTIN at her home in Kansas City.

We wish we didn't have to say goodbye to so many Midwesterners! A dinner at Nance's Restaurant honored DOROTHY CARLSTRUM who decided to call K.C. home and accepted a position with the Veterans of Foreign Wars... PAT CARLETON resigned to enter the commercial art field... To St. Louis goes LILLIAN WORTMAN to begin duty with the Federal Housing Adm. ... OLIVE GILLETTE's desk is vacant following her departure to enter private industry... ARLENE DONASON transferred to the Civilian Production Adm. in St. Louis, in which city a 2-year old nephew is an attraction... LOUISE BOWMAN leaves FCA for a position in private industry.

... TED BARTOW, in parting from FCA to begin duty as secy.-treas. with the Hye Quality Card Co., was presented a pen and pencil set by coworkers... A luncheon honored MILDRED KERN as she departed to begin duty with the Commodity Credit Corp... RUTH BIGGERSTAFF is a new employee of the Social Security Board... The K.C. Chamber of Commerce has secured the services of ALMA DAY as foreign trade secretary.

We are making a lot of new friends and greeting old friends returned! LEOLA CLAYTON has resumed familiar duties on FCA's switchboard... New faces seen among the filing cabinets include ARITA SMITH, CHRISTINE ELLIS, and FLOYD TATE... Newcomers MARGARET THOMSON, MARY RUTH STRECK, and GLORIA CARLSON have joined the Steno. Pool, FCA's "doorway for secretaries".... JEAN AMOS, an ex-Wave, has joined the tabulators... CARL MILLIER

is a new "mailman."... RONALD FOREMAN has returned from military service to resume duties in Property Section... IRA CASTLES, stationed in D.C., returned to duty with F&CR Division following receipt of a military discharge... Home from Italy, WM. WRIGHT will be found in Tabulating Unit... LUELLA COGSWELL has parted from the Waves and rejoined F&A Divisioners.

WASHING TON  
Dorothy Peffer is making plans to return to the East and promises to send the "lowdown" on Washingtonians... Friends of C. G. RANDELL are saddened to learn of the recent death of Mrs. Randell.

PAY CASH FOR YOUR NEW CAR  
The FCA Employees' Credit Union offers members a special reduced rate of 3/4 of 1 percent a month on purchases of automobiles. Furthermore, the credit union makes no service charges, and it permits you to choose your own insurance company. So pay cash for your car and save money the credit union way.

LOOK WHAT'S COMING  
Lake trips May 3 Lake View Beach  
May 24

A bulletin board notice resulted in 34 registrations for the first trip and 45 for the second. If you wish your name placed on a waiting list, call Verna Brewer, chairman, and she will let you know if there is a cancellation.

INVITATION  
What makes FCA employees more than coworkers? Through Farm Credit Club activities friendships are made. You new FCA'ers are cordially invited to join today.

TODAY'S ORCHID  
Today's orchid goes to the club members who serve the Grapevine as stencil cutters, duplicating machine operators, and messengers.

ROD AND REEL  
"To catch a fish you have to know more than the fish." Joe Fraile